



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.0

Soil moisture supplies: 9% very short, 31% short, 53% adequate and 7% surplus

Field Crops Report

Temperatures worsened this week, as high temperatures reached into triple digits at many locations statewide. Statewide precipitation for the week averaged 1.08 inches, slightly below normal. Corn harvested reached 31 percent, 15 points ahead of the five-year average. Yields from the rice harvest were ranging from good to excellent. Some rice showed effects from environmental factors such as hot nights, rainy weather and salt issues. Also, bacterial panicle blight appeared in some rice. After first crop harvest some fields were fertilized and flooded for a ratoon crop. Soybean and sugarcane crops were looking very good to excellent. A few soybean producers noticed some Cercospora leaf blight present and some sprayed for loopers.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers sprayed to control insects in tomato fields and fertilized bell pepper and cabbage fields. Citrus producers scouted for insects.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Last week, although extremely hot, probably had the most hay baling activity of the season thus far. Most producers had their second cutting baled and some began a third cutting. Cattlemen sprayed to combat increased armyworm infestation problems in pastures and hayfields. Crawfish farmers finished planting rice and worked on pond levees.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2009	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	98	94	84	91
	Harvested	31	20	17	16
Cotton	Squaring	100	99	100	100
	Setting Bolls	94	93	98	98
	Bolls Opening	18	6	4	7
Hay	Second cutting	87	79	63	72
Peaches	Harvested	93	79	95	98
Rice	Headed	97	95	91	93
	Ripe	44	26	39	49
	Harvested	18	5	9	20
Sorghum	Coloring	97	93	90	85
	Harvested	24	5	8	13
Soybeans	Blooming	99	96	97	98
	Setting Pods	87	85	92	90
	Turning Color	25	19	29	28
	Dropping Leaves	6	2	0	9
Sugarcane	Planted	10	3	9	5

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	7	19	33	41	0
Cotton	2	15	27	51	5
Rice	0	2	26	51	21
Sorghum	0	0	30	70	0
Soybeans	1	12	32	48	7
Sugarcane	0	8	25	42	25
Sweet Potatoes	0	0	39	57	4
Livestock	4	6	37	47	6
Vegetables	7	26	41	25	1
Pasture	3	13	41	37	6

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 08/02/10 TO 08/08/10

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	TEMPERATURE MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	103	75	89	83	0.17	1.11	17.85	32.56
Minden	102	75	87	82	1.92	3.81	23.55	35.15
Mooringsport	104	77	90	MM	0.00	2.44	25.83	28.73
Extreme/Average	104	75	89	83	0.70	2.45	22.41	33.26
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	(105)	73	88	83	5.33	7.21	22.53	35.54
Homer/Hill Farm	102	74	86	82	0.25	1.79	23.83	35.15
ULM-Monroe	105	75	89	83	0.50	3.00	25.35	37.20
Columbia Lock	105	75	88	MM	1.00	3.08	19.27	38.60
Extreme/Average	105	73	88	83	1.77	3.77	22.75	36.23
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	102	73	88	82	0.13	2.45	18.60	38.46
LSU-St Joseph	101	76	88	83	1.22	3.51	22.45	36.92
LSU-Winnsboro	105	75	89	82	4.53	5.43	21.96	36.53
Tallulah	102	75	88	82	0.97	2.68	23.45	38.20
Extreme/Average	105	73	88	83	1.71	3.52	21.62	37.47
4. West-Central								
Leesville	103	72	87	82	0.30	4.23	21.35	35.76
LSU-Rosepine	102	73	87	82	1.50	3.83	27.47	36.45
Natchitoches	105	73	90	84	0.31	0.83	17.95	34.55
Extreme/Average	105	72	88	82	0.70	2.96	21.35	35.22
5. Central								
Alexandria	105	77	89	84	1.01	4.09	29.01	37.24
Bunkie	101	74	87	83	0.13	1.20	30.10	38.72
LSU-Alexandria	105	75	88	82	0.08	1.51	26.22	35.92
Extreme/Average	105	74	88	83	0.41	2.27	28.44	37.80
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	98	73	85	MM	1.20	6.75	33.39	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	99	(71)	85	82	1.74	3.08	28.67	39.06
Amite	103	72	86	81	0.78	3.34	32.16	42.73
LSU-Hammond	100	72	85	82	1.74	5.89	27.73	40.91
Slidell	97	74	86	82	0.18	3.49	38.52	40.34
Extreme/Average	103	71	86	82	1.13	4.51	32.09	41.45
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	101	74	87	83	1.33	5.16	29.94	37.60
Jennings	100	74	87	82	2.60	5.26	30.18	36.52
LSU-Crowley	100	73	86	82	1.18	2.96	29.14	37.36
Extreme/Average	101	73	87	83	1.70	4.46	29.75	37.37
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	99	72	85	82	2.45	4.25	32.50	38.79
LSU-Jeanerette	100	74	86	82	0.63	3.86	37.36	38.74
Morgan City	98	75	86	82	0.28	2.22	20.62	39.84
Extreme/Average	100	72	86	83	1.12	3.44	30.16	39.29
9. Southeast								
Galliano	98	77	87	82	0.55	2.57	34.44	41.56
Houma	103	74	87	83	0.69	2.81	32.33	40.42
Terrytown 3S	101	78	89	MM	0.07	2.75	36.24	MM.MM
Reserve	100	74	87	82	1.90	1.90	30.59	42.26
Extreme/Average	103	74	88	83	0.44	2.71	34.34	40.54
State								
State Extremes/Avg	105	71	87	83	1.08	3.36	27.50	37.76

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. to Date = Through August 08, 2010

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